

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Sorenz STRUP

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Washington, D.C.

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination upon the merits, kindly amend as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 15, 16, 29, 30, and 31 as follows:

- 15. (Amended) The Hp-Hb complex, or a part thereof, or a mimic thereof according to claim 1, wherein the substance comprises a tracer or a marker.
- 16. (Amended) The Hp-Hb as mimic, according to claim 1, wherein the mimic is an antibody.

29. (Amended) A method of treatment of an individual comprising administration of the Hp-Hb complex, or a part thereof, or a mimic thereof according to claim 1, the method comprising the steps of:

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